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report giving the following
information on Soviet military activities at Kirchmoeser and Magdeburg:

- a. Fragmentary information on the types of shells used in firing practice at the Grosser Krakauer Anger at Magdeburg, and on firing practice with shrapnel against infantry (sic).
- b. Fragmentary information on the arrival of tanks at the tank repair shop at Kirchmoeser and a description of a portion of the workshop.

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Soviet activity at KIRCHMOESER and MAGDEBURG

(Apr - 10 Jul 58)

1. MAGDEBURG

The type of shell used during firing practice at the GROSSEN KRAKAUER ANGER varies according to the target. Shells fired at tanks on the move explode on impact either on the tank or on the ground. When exploding on the ground a very shallow shell hole is formed. Firing practice takes place with shrapnel against infantry who take cover in previously dug trenches as soon as they arrive at the firing range, carried by tanks.

2. KIRCHMOESER

The tracked amphibians off-loaded at the Russian tank repair workshop on 4 Jun 58 were cleaned and oiled and greased and left on 6 June 58 in an unknown direction.

3. Within the tank repair workshop [redacted] there is a rectangular earth wall roughly 200-250 metres long and 120 metres wide. The earth wall is sloped on the outside and sown with grass. It stands 6 metres high. The wall has barbed wire on top; the inside is of concrete, in which there are gates, approximately 4 metres wide.

4. There is only one entrance to this complex from the north where a manned watch tower is situated. Through this door an open area can be seen with two red-painted hydrants and several ZIS-151.

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